

**MENOMINEE NATION
THE MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 79-15
ENROLLMENT IN THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE**

Section 18 RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- 18.01 **Relationship of Relinquished Person to Tribe.** Any person who relinquishes his/her membership in the Menominee Indian Tribe forfeits all rights and benefits they are entitled to by virtue of their membership in the Menominee Indian Tribe at the time of the final Court Order of Relinquishment.
- 18.02 **Status as Descendant.** No person who has relinquished their membership in the Menominee Indian Tribe shall be considered or recognized as a descendant of the Menominee Indian Tribe for any purpose.
- 18.03 **Blood Quantum.** Any descendant of a person who has relinquished membership in the Menominee Indian Tribe may include in the calculation of their blood quantum, for the purposes of enrollment and status as a descendant, the amount of Menominee blood received from said relinquished person.
- 18.04 Structures on Leased Land.**
- (a) Relinquishment of membership in the Menominee Indian Tribe automatically terminates any lease or permit to use Tribal trust land.
 - (b) In the event there are personal property structures owned by the relinquished member situated on such terminated leased/permitted Tribal land that a person shall have a period of one (1) year from the time of relinquishment to dispose of such personal property. Failure to dispose of such personal property shall result in reversion of this property to the Tribe.
 - (c) Regardless of the continued ownership of the personal property structures referred to above, the person who has relinquished Tribal membership shall have not right to maintain residency, habitation, or right to be domiciled in these aforementioned structures upon final Court Order of Relinquishment.

- 18.05 **Prior Actions Void.** Any transfers of residential, recreational, or other types of tribal land leases or permits made after passage of this Ordinance and within ten (10) years of a relinquishment action by a tribal member shall be null and void when a final Court Order of Relinquishment has been signed by the Tribal Court.
- 18.06 **Voluntary Relinquishment.** Members of the Menominee Indian Tribe desiring to voluntarily relinquish their membership in the Tribe, except for minors and mental incompetents, shall file a written petition to that effect before the Chief Justice, or any Justice or Judge. He/she shall provide the member with a hearing and shall explain to the member orally and in writing the consequences of voluntarily relinquishment of membership. If the person still desires to relinquish his/her membership, s/he shall sign a statement to that effect prepared by the Tribal Judiciary; the statement shall also be signed by the presiding Tribal Judge and shall have the effect of an Order of the Tribal Court. The statement shall clearly state that the person voluntarily relinquishing his/her membership shall not again be eligible to enroll as a member of the Tribe or be placed on the Menominee Descendant Register. This provision shall implement Article II, section 6, of the Tribal Constitution.
- 18.07 **Publication.** The Tribal Enrollment Department shall publish or cause to be published a complete list of the names of relinquished members on a periodic basis, not less than 4 times a year, in newspaper of general circulation.